

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, May 30.

President Harrison fights for the nomination as hard as some of his friends say he will. It is among the probabilities that he will be strong enough to keep Mr. Blaine from being nominated with that "practical unanimity" which is, according to Mr. Blaine's friends, necessary to make him accept, if he cannot secure the nomination for himself. This sort of thing has happened so often in national conventions which have considered Mr. Blaine's name that many are looking for it again. If Blaine and Harrison destroy each other there will be a lively scramble among the dark horses. Ex-Speaker Reed is thought to have the inside track for the temporary Chairmanship of the Minneapolis Convention. General Alger or Senator Allison could get the Blaine votes, while Senator Cullum is regarded as the man Mr. Harrison prefers next to himself. Said a warm friend of Mr. Harrison to-day: "While all things are possible, it will be the most difficult undertaking of his life for Mr. Harrison, or anybody else, except Mr. Blaine himself, to prevent the nomination of Blaine."

It would be hard to say whether the desire to cripple the political fortunes of Messrs. Harrison and Cleveland or a real wish to secure silver legislation had the most to do with the Senate voting to take up Senator Stewart's Free-Coinage Bill. Predictions are made that the bill will be kept under discussion until the Republican and Democratic nominations are made and then be laid aside without a vote being taken on it. Others think that the bill is to be passed after about ten days' discussion; but that will depend largely upon the wishes of its opponents, as there is no end to destructive methods in the Senate, as was shown by the manner in which the Democrats prevented a vote being taken on the Election Bill.

Those who smiled contemptuously, and there are a number who did, when Chairman Hatch of the House Committee on Agriculture announced his intention to resist on the floor of the House the degree of the Democratic caucus shelving the Anti-Option Bill, are not smiling so much since Mr. Hatch's motion to take up the Anti-Option Bill was defeated by only one vote in a total vote of 216. Mr. Hatch says he proposes offering a motion to take up the Anti-Option Bill again as soon as it may be done with due regard to the business of the House, and that he is certain of a majority next time. He has served notice on the opponents of the bill that if they attempt to prevent a vote upon it after it is taken up by filibustering, it will be well for them to prepare for a long and stubborn fight, as the friends of the bill will fight all summer if necessary to pass it.

The Agricultural Appropriation Bill just completed by the House Committee carries \$507,500 more than last year's bill, the principal increase being \$500,000 to carry out the meat inspection laws.

Under a bill which has been favorably reported to the House the salaries of letter carriers for their fourth year of service and thereafter is made \$1,200 a year.

Among the interesting things brought out in connection with the meeting of the Second National Silver Convention, besides the organization of the American Bimetallist League, was the existence of a feeling that it may be possible to elect a free-coinage man President if the Republican and Democratic parties nominate such pronounced gold men as President Harrison and ex-President Cleveland. The idea is to throw the election of President into the House of Representatives, after having first secured pledges from the free-coinage members of that body to elect a free-coinage man. This is to be done by casting the electoral votes of Colorado, Montana, Idaho, Nevada, Wyoming, and several other Northwestern and Southern States for a free-coinage candidate. Innumerable "ifs" and "buts" would, of course, have to be overcome should a serious attempt be made to develop this idea into a reality, but none of them are insurmountable should the silver people really determine to accomplish such a purpose.

Secretary Blaine is again in Washington, but he would as well be in China for all the information he is giving out concerning his intentions.

Both House and Senate are observing Memorial Day as a holiday. Senator Gallinger was the orator of the day at the Congressional Cemetery, General Hastings at Arlington, and Assistant Secretary Bussey at the Soldiers' Home. Representative Bailey of Texas is making enemies by insisting that a quorum shall vote on all measures passed by the House, however small they may be, but he says he intends to keep it up as long as he is in Congress, because he thinks it is his duty under the oath he took when he became a member of the House.

Cleveland stock is enjoying a big boom. Friends are claiming with confidence that his nomination is now absolutely secured, and they are trying to agree upon the man for the second place. Campbell is a favorite for Vice-President.

Now is the time to take a good tonic medicine. Hood's Sarsaparilla possesses the greatest merit, and is a popular favorite. —Adv.

TWO HANDSOME BUILDINGS.

One is to be the Home of Chicago's Public Library—Y. M. C. A. Structure. Chicago is soon to have a magnificent public library. The preliminary estimates make the probable cost of the building \$1,600,000, and inasmuch as it is to occupy the entire block bounded by Michigan avenue, Randolph and Washington streets, it is by no means improbable that even a larger sum may be required to complete the structure. The location selected is thoroughly central. The building will be a parallelogram, with rectangular spaces which will afford light and ventilation. About



CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY.

these the center rooms are to be built. The "motif" of the exterior of the library was suggested by the ruins of the old gate between the Greek and Roman cities of Athens, which dates back to the time of Emperor Hadrian.

The structure will be about 400 feet high. The base will be of granite, and the rest of the exterior of Indiana blue-stone. No steel or other corrosive metal will be used, as it is intended that the building shall endure for centuries. The roof will be surmounted by a stone balustrade, and will have a slight pitch toward a water "valley" in the center to relieve its practical features. There is to be no attempt at elaborate ornamentation, but whatever covering or other form of decoration shall be decided upon will be done in the most thorough manner. There will be an entire absence of the "gingerbread" work which prevails to such a great extent nowadays. The general tone of the building will be classic.

The interior will be conveniently and judiciously arranged with a view to economizing space. The basement will be occupied by mechanical appliances for providing heat and electric light. The first floor will be given up to the main delivery, cataloguing and stock rooms, and the offices of the librarian, secretary and superintendent of delivery. At the north end of this floor will be the memorial hall and assembly room of the G. A. R. The top floor is to be used for the reading and reference rooms, although a portion will be mezzanine and used as private studies and committee rooms. The building will be as nearly fireproof as human ingenuity can make it. It is to be divided by fireproof walls into separate sections, so that flames may be confined to the portion of the library in which they break out, thus making it impossible for any great comparative damage to be done.

This is not a private institution, but the regular public library of the city of Chicago. It will have two distinct departments—one for reference and the other for circulation. A feature which might be copied with advantage by all public libraries is the delivery system, by means of which patrons may leave their cards in the morning at any one of



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Englewood, Chicago's beautiful suburb, is also soon to have a handsome new building. The local Y. M. C. A. has just had plans completed for an elaborate new home which will cost about \$100,000, ground and all. The building will be 180 by 60 feet, and will be five stories high. It will have a fine natatorium 70 by 20 feet, a bowling alley, and a gymnasium 56 by 50 feet. In the second story there will be the association rooms and a large hall with a seating capacity of 700, which will be used for exhibitions, lectures and religious services. The third and fourth floors will be cut up into offices, the income from which will be of material assistance to the association. A dormitory will occupy all of the space on the fifth floor. The building will be located at the corner of Sixty-third street and Princeton avenue.

Eccentric Brothers.

The finding of the body of Daniel Boyer near Reading has brought to light the story of this aged hermit, says an Allentown (Pa.) paper. Boyer was seventy-seven years old and for forty-eight years had lived alone in a little stone hut eight feet wide and ten feet long, surrounded by a swamp. His sole companion was a dog. He did his own cooking. The principal part of his food consisted of wild game that he shot in the woods. For half a century his only occupation was the making of ax handles, which he carried to town on his back and sold. He rarely wore shoes, even in the coldest weather, and when his body was found in the path leading to the spring from which he got water his feet were entirely naked. He slept on a plank bed. His death was caused by heart disease. A brother of the dead man was also exceedingly eccentric. Neither of them married. The brother always climbed into a tree every day and sat there for hours and played his violin and sang songs.

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